

EVALUATION OF VETERINARY SERVICES

Article 1.3.3.1.

The quality of the *Veterinary Services* depends on a set of factors, which include fundamental principles of an ethical, organisational and technical nature. The *Veterinary Services* shall conform to these fundamental principles, regardless of the political, economic or social situation of their country.

Compliance with these fundamental principles by the *Veterinary Services* of a Member Country is important to the establishment and maintenance of confidence in its *international veterinary certificates* by the *Veterinary Services* of other Member Countries.

Should the responsibility for establishing or applying animal health measures, or issuing *international veterinary certificates* be exercised by an organisation other than the *Veterinary Services*, or by an authority or agency on behalf of the *Veterinary Services*, the same fundamental principles should apply.

These fundamental principles are presented in Article 1.3.3.2. The remaining factors of quality are described in Part 1 of the *Code* (notification, principles of certification, etc.) and the document entitled “Guidelines for the evaluation of Veterinary Services” included in Appendix XXX.

The quality of *Veterinary Services* can be measured through an evaluation, whose general principles are described in Articles 1.3.3.3. and 1.3.3.4.

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